

members, with a rib portion mounted in circumferential axial direction; ~~disposed in the other end of said shaft and attached to the other one of the members;~~

~~a rib portion formed along an axial direction of said arresting body and rotating with one of the two members;~~

a cam slider slidably and nonrotatably mounted on said shaft, said cam slider having a second cam portion on the side confronting to said first cam portion; ~~disposed to face said fixed cam and to slide in an axial direction of said shaft with the rotation thereof being arrested by said shaft;~~ and

a compression spring interposed resiliently between said cam slider and said arresting body; and

a slider washer provided on a portion of said shaft engaging with said closure plate of said case body.

8. (Original) A small-sized hinge device according to claim 7, wherein:

said fixed cam is constituted independently of said case body and accommodated in said case body with the rotation thereof arrested by said case body.

9. (Currently Amended) A small-sized hinge device according to claim 8, further comprising:

a first cam portion disposed in said fixed cam, ~~being~~ composed of a concave portion, a first inclined portion forming the concave portion and having a large steep slope surface, a long gentle inclined plane portion provided adjacent to the first inclined portion, and a second inclined portion

provided adjacent to the inclined plane portion forming the concave portion and having another small and steep slope surface, and

a convex portion on said second cam portion of said cam slider contacting ~~the~~ said first cam portion by pressure, dropping ~~drops~~ inside the first inclined portion of said ~~fixed~~ first cam portion when the first member and the second member are in a closed state, and by opening both of the first member and the second member relatively to each other, said ~~the~~ convex portion escaping ~~escapes~~ from the first inclined portion of the concave portion to move down along the gently inclined plane portion, and when ~~they~~ said first member and second member are opened at an angle close to the maximum opening angle, said convex portion dropping ~~it drops~~ inside the concave portion from the second inclined portion.

10. (Currently Amended) A small-sized hinge device, according to claim 9, wherein:

the convex portion of said second cam portion of said cam slider drops in the first inclined portion just before the first member and the second member are closed relatively to each other.

11. (Original) A small-sized hinge device according to claim 10, wherein:

the first member and the second member are a transmitting section and a receiver section of a portable telephone respectively.

12. (Currently Amended) A small-sized hinge device ~~for connecting~~ used for connecting mounting portions on each of end portions of a first member and a second member to be relatively

a cam slider slidably and nonrotatably mounted on said shaft, said cam slider having a second cam portion on the side confronting to said first cam portion; disposed to face said fixed cam
~~and to slide in an axial direction of said shaft with the rotation thereof being arrested by said shaft;~~

a compression spring interposed resiliently between said cam slider and said arresting body;
and

a slider washer provided on a portion of the shaft by inserting between said E-ring fixed said
shaft and said closure plate of engaging with the said case body.

13. (Previously Amended) A small-sized hinge device according to claim 12, wherein:

said fixed cam is constituted independently of said case body and accommodated in said case body with the rotation thereof arrested by said case body.

14. (Currently Amended) A small-sized hinge device according to claim 13, further comprising:

a said first cam portion disposed in said fixed cam, ~~being~~ composed of a concave portion, a first inclined portion forming the concave portion and having a large and steep slope surface, a long and gentle inclined plane portion provided adjacent to the first inclined portion, and a second inclined portion provided adjacent to the inclined plane portion forming the concave portion and having another small and steep slope surface, and

a convex portion on said second cam portion of said cam slider contacting the said first cam portion by pressure, ~~drops~~ dropping inside the first inclined portion of said first fixed cam portion when the first member and the second member are in a closed state, ~~and by opening both of the first member and the second member are in a closed state,~~ and by opening both of the first member and

the second member relatively to each other, said ~~the~~ convex portion escaping ~~escapes~~ from the first inclined portion of the concave portion to move down along the gently inclined plane portion, and when ~~they~~ said first member and second member are opened at an angle close to the maximum opening angle, said convex portion dropping it ~~drops~~ inside the concave portion from the second inclined portion.

15. (Currently Amended) A small-sized hinge device, according to claim 14, wherein:

the convex portion of said second cam portion of said cam slider drops in the first inclined portion just before the first member and the second member are closed relatively to each other.

16. (Original) A small-sized hinge device according to claim 15, wherein:

the first member and the second member are a transmitting section and a receiver section of a portable telephone respectively.